Lafayette is fortunate to have a beautiful variety of trees landscaping our city; however, trees planted near power lines can become not only unsightly, but also potentially hazardous.

LUS maintains a tree trimming and right-of-way maintenance program for primary lines that can possibly alter the appearance of your tree.

Look up before you plant a tree and make certain the ultimate mature growth, spread and root space of the tree are appropriate before planting.
Determining the location to plant a tree should be based on ensuring the appropriate space is available surrounding the primary utility line. DO NOT plant under a primary line and make certain trees and shrubs are in the proper growth zone.

**Low Zone** – Height cannot exceed 25 feet in the area 20 feet from the primary lines. (Rosebud, Dogwood, Crabapple, etc.)

**Medium Zone** – Height cannot exceed 40 feet in the area 20 to 50 feet from primary lines. This prevents damage to power lines from overhanging branches and toppling of trees during storms. (Flowering Pear, Red Cedar, etc.)

**Tall Zone** – Height is unlimited in the area 50 feet or more from primary lines. ( Maple, Oak, Spruce, Pine, etc.)

**SAVE ENERGY BY PLANTING TREES**

Deciduous trees planted on the south and west side of your home will shade your house from the heat during the summer and allow the sun to warm your home in the winter.